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### EDITORIAL NOTES

for the week ending July 15th. For the corresponding week last year only 166 were reported.

\*\* Pitt County Alliance held a good | and startling. meeting on the 13th. The Alliance is

\*\* Elizabeth Cady Stanton says the first pilgrim to set foot on Plymouth Rock was a woman. Well, what are you going to do about it? If a woman should set her foot on your neck you couldn't help yourself.

\*\* At the recent meeting of Wake County Alliance several boys who are thoroughly imbued with Alliance principles, conducted a lemonade stand, and the entire receipts of everything sold will be turned over to the Polk Memorial Fund.

\*\* Hon. D. B. Wellmon, who was the Speaker of the first House of Representatives in North Dakota, has joined the reform ranks and burned the bridges behind him. He says 46 cent wheat and other things in proportion has fully converted him.

\*\* Mr. W. B Smith has a letter of inquiry about how to raise peanuts, on ur first page. We don't know who is goober raiser in the State, but ct Bro. M. G. Gregory, E. A. me other eastern man to he benefit of Mr. Smith.

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h one week ago we saw in a Democratic paper ed from a speech made by erman to prove that the editor e paper "is a good Democrat." As le crossroads papers say: "We think we will be able to report a wedding pretty soon,"

printer in setting up his article last of \$324,000 since it was established. He week made the word "learn" in the 13th line from top, when it should have done a total business, up to July 1st, the 5th line from the bottom "comhave been "convention."

sturiff speeches made and put in print exact amount by \$1,166,813 04. or the Sherm in law. Which is it?

SENATOR VANCE'S LETTER.

We reproduce from the Charlotte Observer a remarkable letter written by Senator Vance to Bro. R W. Elliott, Secretary of Mecklenburg County Alli ance, after the Senator had received a copy of resolutions passed by Mecklenburg County Alliance.

It has fallen like a bomb shell in the State. Those Democrats who have left their moorings and are drifting after Wall street and London plutocracy will be greatly shocked. So far as known, Senator Vance has always been on the right side in regard to free coinage. But up to last year his party favored free coinage in most of its plat forms. However, last year the gold bugs got complete possession of the leaders, nationally, and for some time the party organs and leaders have been falling on bended knees to the gold bugs. This, the Senator declares and plainly and emphatically says, that he is not going with the party to its own ruin and the ruin of the country. He declares that the panic is a fraud, just as we have done all the time. The money stringency and concentration is real, but the panic, as we now see it, was precipitated or hastened for the sole purpose of creating sentiment in favor of gold and against silver. The question is, has Senator Vance

repented, is he sorry for the course he took three years ago after he introduced the Sub Treasury bill? His course then was severely criticized by many of his personal and party friends. They believed then and believe yet, that he treated them very badly. They did not lose all confidence in him, for he had been with and for the people. But he vielded to some influence and left them. Yet some of them forgave the first offence, and when he volunpledge that he would advocate every plank in the Ocala platform, the Subreceived a decided majority for re election to the U.S. Senate, though the votes were given rather reluctantly by some. Since his re election he has been very quiet. Much of the time he has been sick.

This letter puts him on record again. \*\* Bradstreet reports 398 failures It is a strong document for the reform organizations and reform party. The declarations and admissions, coming tion and benefit of the members who from that source are both unexpected

One pecular feature is that the Senagrowing there and a zealous member | tor says he "has listened in vain for writes us that he thinks they will be the Farmers' Alliance to sound their stronger than ever before in a short opinions," and that he "is glad to see this, the first official utterance. we know anything about it, this is not the first "utterance" the Senator has heard. In 1889-90 Alliances all over the country piled "utterances" in the shape of petitions around Senator Vance until he could not see over the top of them. In 1891 the Alliance legislature gave him "official utterance" by pledging him to support these very things before they would agree to send him back to the Senate. Has he forgotten all this? Must he get "official utterances" every day in order to keep his memory fresh?

> At any rate, the Senator has broken out in an unexpected place. He has voluntarily gone on record against the Wall street, gold bug, plutocratic, cringing politician end of his party. The future will show what the party will do with him and what the Senator will do with himself. Will he prove his sincerity by his works?

#### ----MAKING DEMANDS.

The Charlotte Observer, of July 18th. had an editorial that puts any of the "Alliance demanders" in the shade. It is to the effect that "One Hoover," speaking in Mecklenburg county, said the State Business Agency of the Farmers' Alliance had done a business

The Observer demands that the State Business Agency be taxed, says it is doing business in competition with Democratic and Republican merchants, Agency to escape taxation. It wants all merchants to be on equal footing, and that many merchants are finding great difficulty in making buckle and tongue meet along about now.

In the first place Bro. Hoover hardprobably told his audience that it had past ten months, ending July 1st, the people and the cause of all the hard | the Observer got it down wrong. The times. For twenty five days the same | business done the first year the Agency the Sherman silver law. If all the sil- 1890, amounted to \$324,473.17. How-

except that it will order goods from would never have occurred.

them just as quick as from merchants in any other State, prices being equal. A large number of farmers are bound together in a fraternal organization They elected one of their number their agent and they order whatever they want through him. No goods are kept it stock, therefore the Agency is nontaxable

We suppose the "Democratic and Republican merchants" have no more difficulty in "making buckle and tongue meet" than other people. Ordi narily the Observer would tell them that "tariff reform" is all they need. But here it is now wanting to tax the State Alliance Agency "to relieve the country." What has become of your administration and the "relief" it has promised if it "only had a chance?" The Observer says "there is a general demand that all persons and properties be brought under the taxing laws of the State." Why, of course; who ex pected anything else? When your great and only legislature appropriated \$311,000 in excess of the State taxes we knew something would drop. Tax the members of the legislature, tax the dogs, tax the non partisans -anything -anybody; but we protest against tax ing non-taxable institutions to make up deficiencies. We demand that only partisans be taxed to raise money for partisan purposes. Tax your magis trates, road overseers, school committeemen, your candidates, your judges you can do nothing that is not in keep ing with the last legislature. But whatever you do, don't ask innocent people to pay for the follies of the last legislature.

If the Observer was not ten years be hind the times it would have known that the State has a Treasurer and At torney General, and that they have al ready taken such action as the law required and the Business Agency has complied with the law in every par

The late Donald W. Bain, State Treasurer, made a ruling on this very matter on April 231, 1891, in which he said: "Upon the representations of the nature, purpose and methods of the Agency, I am of the opinion that it is not subject to a tax on its purchases, inasmuch as they are not made for the purpose of trade, speculation or profit of the Agency or of the Alliance as a corporation, but for the use, consump are the purchasers through their own appointed factotum or purveyor, the Business Agent." He further said: "I think the decision of the Supreme Court of North Carolina in the case of is, will the nine hundred and ninety Stokes vs. Department of Agricul ture, 106 N. C. Reports, page 439, sus

tains the position I have taken." Neither the Observer nor anyone else will doubt that Donald W. Bain investigated the matter fully and ren dered an honest opinion. Treasurer Tate and Attorney General Osborne hold the same opinions expressed by Treasurer Bain. The Observer can now turn its attention to other matters as the State officials have disposed of the matter in a way that shows they know the law and know their duty.

## THE STATE MEETING.

The annual State Alliance meeting will be held at Greensboro, beginning August 8th. We think good delegates have been elected from every county and the meeting will be one of the bestever held. It will be important in to publish the failures, and newsboys several respects. Officers are to be elected, delegates to next annual meet ing of National Alliance, etc.

Reduced rates on railroads will be as keep the people fooled nowadays. follows: Less than two hundred miles, fare for round trip 5 cents per mile. Over two hundred miles 4 cents per mile for round trip. If the ticket agent at your starting point should fail to have tickets on hand, ask him to give you a receipt for the amount paid and the matter will be corrected.

Low rates for board have been se cured at one of the best hotels in Greensboro and also at several good boarding houses. We hope many members not delegates will attend. and that it is discrimination for the Lets have a rousing meeting. If you wish to engage rooms or want further information, write to Secretary Barnes.

PROGRESSIVE FARMER publishes the failures in the "Prosperity Column" \*\* Mr. G. B. Alford writes that the ly said the Agency had done a business apparently to further dissatisfy its readers. Not by any means. THE PRO GRESSIVE FARMER is a newspaper. It does not publish a paper to keep its "leave" the fundamental principles. In 1893, of \$1,490,813 04, and that in the readers in the dark, but more than one hundred other papers in the State mittee" was printed where it should \$339,920,25 worth of business had been do this. We only publish a few transacted. The "runner" who gave of the failures anyway, one paper will \*\* For twenty five years we have the Observer the information was off not hold them, there being more than ting money up to 30 and 40 per cent., been told that the tariff was robbing the track in every particular, or else three hundred each week-nearly four are the men who will buy them. They hundred for the past two months. The are not as good as the negroes they truth might as well be told, and the buy. If you vote with these men you papers and speakers have told us it is was conducted, ending August 1st, party with a chance, and which does have a combination of negro and plutonot use that chance, shall be shown up. | cratic rule. If you want to save your ver bought since the Sherman law was ever, we must confess that the Observer If Cleveland was a Democrat, did not country, your families, you must passed was put in one pile one of the hit pretty close as it only missed the belong to Wall street, and if Congress avoid both negro and plutocratic rule. did not belong to Wall street, an extra | The only way to avoid the combination would cover the pile. Somebody ought The Business Agency has nothing to session would have been called on the is to vote for reform. We will name put a reform paper in every household to be arrested for slandering the tariff do with the merchants of the State, 4th of March and most of these failures no party, for it is unnecessary. Any in town and country, and don't stop

On the 4th page we publish a long

but very interesting article on the silver question, written for this paper by Mr. W. H. Standish, Bismark, N. D. The silver question, like all financial matters, has been shrouded with mysteries as far as possible by our financiers and their organs. Many fairly intelligent people have been misled in this way. Financial matters are as

easily solved in a common sense way as anything else, but require study, and you must first find out what you want to know and then all becomes as simple as can be.

We have heard much about "fiat harvest. money," "dishonest money," "depreciated money." There is no such thing as dishonest money, unless it is a counterfeit article. Dishonest laws only are responsible for "dishonest money," be it gold, silver or greenback. Get that impressed upon your brain and you have solved one of the mysteries of finance.

Mr. Standish does away with the next mystery by showing that foreign countries could not rush their silver into the United States if we had free or unlimited coinage. The government would take out 10 per cent. for alloy and 10 per cent. for mintage. Hence the foreigner would not bring silver here and sell it for 80 cents when it is already worth \$1 in his own country. Silver is at par in Switzerland, Greece and Belgium. In fact it is all over the world except in America, England, France and India, and only in the past twenty years has it been made "dishonest" money in these countries, and that by fraudulent and dishonest laws. Silver has always been used more as medium of exchange than gold, though gold is considered the most valuable metal of the two. From Biblical history we learn that gold was used for ornamental purposes and silver as money. By the dishonest laws the value of gold has been increased and the value of silver decreased. Dishonest laws have also decreased the value of wheat, cotton, land and other things. What we want in regard to silver is free coinage and equal value between the two metals as money.

The goldbugs of England, France and America want a gold basis. They have worked through many schemes and the next will be started on the 7th of August, backed by a Wall street administration. The scheme will bene fit probably one person in a thousand and ruin the other 999. The question nine submit tamely and allow the one to ruin them? We don't believe they will. We believe that the 999 will re pudiate the one at the ballot-box in all future elections and the goldbugs will have to take a back seat. But the friends of "equal rights" must be up and doing. We have a tough gang to fight, though they are few in number. Worse still, there are goldbugs who do not own a dollar in gold. They are as mean as the owners of gold and as hard to crush. We have them in North Carolina—everywhere. They are edit ing newspapers, holding office, farm ing-engaged in all occupations. Al men backing up the Wall street crowd are goldbugs.

The 'best banking system in the world" is getting mighty shaky of late. The bankers don't allow their organs have been arrested for crying: "Ex. meet with a determination to serve the tra; all about the big bank failure.' Yes, it is getting mighty hard work to

## HOW MUCH LONGER?

A professional man, and a very in telligent one, was in our office recent ly. During the conversation he re marked that he had been compelled to borrow money during the past twelve months at the rate of 30 per cent, per annum. The writer asked him how much longer he would continue to vote for such a condition of affairs. His answer was: "Not much longer. Then he said: "Had it not been for the have voted differently last fall."

Here was an educated, and, we be The North Carolinan says THE lieve, an honest man who has been voting himself, his wife, his dear children into slavery all on account of imaginary negro domination. No white man is willing for an inferior race to rule over him, but no one who will put on his thinking cap can be misled that way any longer. There are many moderately honest negroes, but many of them are in the market, and the plutocrats, the men who are putman with sense enough to think of until it is done.

UNLIMITED COINAGE OF SILVER. himself and family first when he goes to the ballot-box, has sense enough to pick out the best party.

We hope the above will meet the eye of the gentleman referred to and that he will put on his thinking cap. If he does he will be in the reform ranks hereafter.

The North Carolinian says the Sherman law must be repealed so the farmers can have "their inning." You mean the farmers that plow on Wall street. The repeal of the Sherman law will certainly enable them to reap a ing, but some punishment ought to be rich harvest, but 50 cent wheat, 5 cent cotton etc., will be the real farmer's

### LOSS IN VALUE.

The goldbugs tell us that there ha been a loss of \$10,888,530 on the 124, 292,532 ounces of silver stored in the government vaults at Washington by the falling of the price of silver. That may or may not be true. If so, it is not surprising. The price of everything has been going down, down. The intrinsic value of gold and of diamonds is about as high as ever, but you can buy gold watches and diamonds from dealers for a mere song as compared with their former price. You can buy land, stocks, bonds, wheat, horsesanything-at much lower prices than formerly. Then why shouldn't the price of silver go down? The price of the most precious metal, of the rarest gems has decreased, the price of absolute necessaries has decreased; why shouldn't the price of silver? The cause all around is the same-contraction of the currency by goldbugs, too much money in the hands of a few and not enough in the hands of the many.

Recently the price of siver has been run down artificially by the goldbugs. We will illustrate that point in this way: You have a fine horse. He is young, sound, gentle. His qualities are unexcelled, and he is worth \$200. You have some enemies. They circu late bad stories about your horse, say that he kicks, runs away, is unhealthy or that his eyes are weak. Right down goes the value of that horse. Your enemy has a horse to sell, perhaps, and breaks up your trade. Instead of offering you \$200 a man will say oh! I don't want your horse at \$200 now; I wouldn't give you \$100 for him since I heard he was unsound. The goldbugs have circulated just such stories about silver. They only have a little mustang pony to sell, but if they can prevent the sale of your horse they can get \$200 for their \$50 (gold) pony.

You say oh! I can prove my horse is all right; can show that he has been slandered. Perhaps you can. That is what we must do about the silver. God made silver for one of the mediums of exchange. In Biblical history it is mentioned of tener and more prominent ly than gold. For thirty pieces of silver our Saviour was betrayed. The goldbugs must be beaten and silver restored to its proper place by free coinage of the metal.

## IMPORTANT TO ALL REFORMERS

In less than two weeks an extaordi nary session of Congress will convene. The alleged purpose is to relieve the financial condition of the country. It is a clear case of "shutting the stable door after the horse has been stolen. Worse still, a very large number of our Senators and Congressmen will goldbugs and make matters worse, Whether they have been bought out right or have become servants of the goldbugs, who may have assisted in their election, is something unknown to the public. At any rate many of them will go against the interest of their constituents.

These facts should be enough to cause every man to take unusual interest in public matters during the next few months. You should read both sides if possible. At any rate you should read a clearcut, independent, truthful paper like THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER and see how our public servants are serving us. We will endeavor to give danger of negro domination I might both sides. Every feature of the financial question will be discussed editorially and by able correspondents. Hence this is the paper that ought to be read in every home in the country during the next few months especially. We want and hope to enrole the names of hundreds and thousands of subscribers in the next few weeks. To do this our friends everywhere must help us. It is for yaur benefit as well as ours. We want Democrats, Republicans, Prohibitionists, Populists, Alliancemen, Independents-everybody-to see the truth. Put in every spare moment you can, get us three and six months subscribers as fast as you can. Morey is very scarce, but almost every man in the whole country can raise 25 or 50 cents for a good paper to read during this unprecedented crisis. Friends. you cannot afford to delay in this mat ter. Let every man, woman and boy

THE PROSPERITY HOWLER.

For the benefit of our non partisan readers, we make the following extracts from the last issue of the Prosperitu

We understand that James Dolan, a heretofore respectable and hard-work. ing farmer, living about three miles from Bugletown, has joined the Alliance. We learn that he says he can't make a living selling wheat at 50 cents and other things accordingly, and wants reform. We are against lynch. meted out to such a fool.

A third partyite attempted to commit suicide in Bugletown Tuesday night, something a Democrat or Repub. lican was never known to do. The band played "Hail to Grover the Chief" and fire works were set off, but before any of our respectable citizens could interfere a soft-hearted physician had the young man out of danger. If De mocracy is to be saved, physician; should attend to their own affairs.

The Charlotte News tells a story about the finding of a very old Spanish silver coin in Mecklenburg county recently. We respectfully ask our esteemed contemporary to keep such matters secret. Too much money is causing the panic now, and the finding of a silver dollar that was supposed to be out of circulation will create a feeling of distrust in the public mind, thereby causing a lack of confidence.

"One Hoover spoke in this county Saturday. About a dozen personsfew of them sympathizers-heard his rambling talk. He said the State Business Agency had done a business of about \$324,000 in the past ten months. He ought to be arrested for filling the minds of the people with reform rot. The repeal of the Sherman law will reduce the amount of money, and that is all that is needed to bring about good

"Kope Elias is a big man. Those who are criticising him for being so slow in making places for Democrats in the collector's office, should take a shower bath. You needn't all expect an office from the administration. Reform in national affairs always comes slow. You will get relief in due time. The editor of the Howler would apply to Kope for a position, but we know there isn't enough for every voter in the Western District. We'll have relief in '97, though, or break a trace.

It is stated that many people are forced to leave Western Kansas, on account of the prevailing drouth, and seek homes elsewhere. Unless they renounce the Populist party they should not be allowed to settle in other sections. The Prosperity Howler is very liberal in its political views, too much so, some tell us, but we can't stand by and see anybody vote other than the Republican or Democratic ticket without sounding the alarm. Excuse us for mentioning the Republi can party first; it was an oversight.

Jim Dodson, a rabbid Populist, was tried before the Mayor of Bugletown for whipping the editor of the Howler last Saturday. We guess the "refawm" press will style this "another Populist victory." Jim is about four times as large a man as the editor, and there is our excuse for getting a whipping. If we do not take hydrophobia from our wounds, we will continue to publish the only reliable paper in this section. Dodson has been tried for horse steal ing, forgery, false pretense and numerous other crimes. We expect to report his last address on the gallows one of these pretty days.

President Ellington, of the Georgia Alliance, is doing a heroic work in building up the Order in that State. M. D. Irvin and T. E. Watson are helping him with their valuable papers. In addition there are fifteen or twenty other Alliance papers in the State, all doing yeoman service. Georgia is bound to come.

#### APPROVAL FROM A CALAMITY HOWLER.

THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER has decided to give its readers both sides. In its last issue it makes numerous clip pings from the Prosperity Howler, so that the people may hear and read both sides. The politicians should now be satisfied, for the thousands of people who read THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER weekly get the side of the calamity howler and prosperity howler at the same time. By the way THE PROGRES-SIVE FARMER improves each issue, and is doing splendid work for the reform cause. - Goldsboro Caucasian.

A Wheeling, W. Va., dispatch claims that the Alliance is rapidly disintegrating in that State, owing to the fact that the State Democratic platform had a free silver plank in it last year. The farmers of West Virginia know, or ought to know, that a silver plank in the State platform does no good with the national end of the party made up of goldbugs.

Look all through the paper for speakers' appointments.